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SUBJECT: VISIT OF UN COMMISSIONER FOR NAMIBIA

1. UN COMMISSIONER FOR NAMIBIA, MARTTI AHTISAARI, MET  
SEPARATELY IN DEPARTMENT ON APRIL 18 WITH IO ASSISTANT  
SECRETARY MAYNES, AF DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY EDMONDSON,  
& IO ACTING DEPUTY ASSISTANT SEC. CESTER NORRIS. PURPOSE OF  
AHTISAARI'S VISIT WAS TO MAKE ACQUAINTANCE OF US OFFICIALS  
AND OFFER ASSISTANCE IN HELPING RESOLVE NAMIBIAN PROBLEMS.  
MAYNES AND EDMONDSON BRIEFED AHTISAARI ON FIVE-POWER  
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WESTERN DEMARCHE TO SOUTH AFRICA OF MARCH 31, SOUTH  
AFRICAN RESPONSE AND DISCUSSIONS OF WESTERN EXPERTS IN  
NEW YORK BEGINNING APRIL 18. AHTISAARI EXPRESSED  
INTEREST IN CONTINUING TO BE INFORMED OF PROGRESS OF  
WESTERN INITIATIVE. MAYNES ADVISED THAT AHTISAARI KEEP  
IN TOUCH WITH AMB. MCHENRY AND POLITICAL COUNSELOR PETREE  
IN NEW YORK WHO WILL BE AWARE OF ALL STEPS WE ARE TAKING

ON NAMIBIA.

2. FREE ELECTIONS IN NAMIBIA. AHTISAARI SAID THAT HE HAD ACCEPTED POSITION OF COMMISSIONER FOR NAMIBIA IN

ORDER TO HELP FIND PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO NAMIBIAN PROBLEM. HE STANDS READY TO ASSIST IN ANY EFFORT. HE FAVORS IMPLEMENTATION OF RESOLUTION 385 AND FREE ELECTIONS IN NAMIBIA AS ONLY POSSIBLE SOLUTION. MAYNES ASKED WHETHER AHTISAARI HAD ANY INDICATION WHETHER SWAPO SUPPORTED HIS VIEWS ABOUT FREE ELECTIONS. AHTISAARI RESPONDED THAT HE HAD STATED HIS VIEWS SEVERAL TIMES TO THE PRESS IN A RECENT TRIP TO AFRICA AND THAT THE SWAPO LEADERSHIP HAD EXPRESSED NO DISAGREEMENT WITH ANYTHING HE HAD SAID. AHTISAARI SAID THAT UPON BECOMING COMMISSIONER HE WAS SURPRISED THAT NO STUDY OF IMPLEMENTING 385 HAD EVER BEEN DONE. HE HAS NOW ASKED UN LEGAL ADVISERS OFFICE AND HIS OWN STAFF TO PREPARE SUCH A STUDY. HE EXPECTS TO RECEIVE IT BY MAY.

3. CONTACTS WITH SWAPO. MAYNES ASKED AHTISAARI WHETHER HE BELIEVED THAT WESTERN CONTACT GROUP OUGHT TO MEET WITH SWAPO EITHER IN NEW YORK OR LUSAKA. AHTISAARI SAID THAT SWAPO UN REPRESENTATIVE BEN GUIRAB OUGHT TO BE BRIEFED SINCE HE WAS MEMBER OF SWAPO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. AHTISAARI CAUTIONED, HOWEVER, ABOUT ATTEMPTING TO INVOLVE SWAPO IN SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS ON NAMIBIA. SWAPO IS DUBIOUS ABOUT THE OUTCOME OF THE CURRENT EFFORT AND WONDERS (ALONG WITH AHTISAARI) HOW WEST WILL BE ABLE TO "DELIVER" SOUTH  
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AFRICA THIS TIME WITHOUT RECOURSE TO SANCTIONS. MAYNES POINTED OUT THAT LIMITING OUR CONTACTS WITH SWAPO TO PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS KNOWN ONLY TO SWAPO AND OURSELVES COULD POSE A SERIOUS DILEMMA FOR THE WEST SINCE WE WILL BE UNDER INTERNATIONAL PRESSURE TO BE SEEN PUBLICLY TO CONSULT WITH SWAPO AS WELL AS WITH SOUTH AFRICANS. IN HIS TALKS HERE, AHTISAARI ALSO EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT TURNHALLE PROCESS POINTING OUT THAT ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERIM GOVERNMENT IN NAMIBIA WOULD GREATLY COMPLICATE SITUATION. HE ALSO MENTIONED LIKELY SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE ON NAMIBIA IN JUNE IN THIS REGARD. EDMONDSON AND MAYNES AGREED WITH THIS CONCERN AND SAID THAT SUCH A DEVELOPMENT WOULD NEITHER BE ACCEPTED BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY NOR THE FIVE WESTERN GOVERNMENTS.

4. UN INSTITUTE FOR NAMIBIA. AHTISAARI SAID THAT THE UN INSTITUTE FOR NAMIBIA HAD GOTTEN OFF TO A GOOD START AND THAT THE US CONTRIBUTION OF 250,000 DOLLARS IN 1976 HAD BEEN WELL-NOTICED AND APPRECIATED. HE SAID ENROLLMENT WAS

EXPECTED TO INCREASE FROM THE CURRENT 100 STUDENTS TO 200 THIS SUMMER WHEN FURTHER HOUSING BECOMES AVAILABLE IN LUSAKA. EIGHTY PERCENT OF STUDENTS ARE MEMBERS OF SWAPO BUT THE SCHOOL IS OPEN TO ALL NAMIBIANS REGARDLESS OF POLITICAL VIEW. FUNDING FOR THE SCHOOL LOOKS ADEQUATE FOR 1977 PROVIDED THE US COMES THROUGH

WITH A CONTRIBUTION OF 500,000 DOLLARS. AHTISAARI SAID THE INSTITUTE HAD AN OPERATING BUDGET OF TWO AND ONE HALF MILLION DOLLARS IN 1977. IT IS EXPECTED TO DEFRAY EXPENSES THROUGH CONTRIBUTIONS OF 850,000 DOLLARS FROM UNDP, 500,000 DOLLARS FROM THE EEC, 350,000 DOLLARS FROM THE SWEDES AND APPROXIMATELY ANOTHER 350,000 DOLLARS FROM MISCELLANEOUS SOURCES. THIS LEFT A SHORTFALL OF 500,000 DOLLARS WHICH THE INSTITUTE HOPED TO MAKE UP WITH A US CONTRIBUTION. AHTISAARI WAS TOLD THAT THE DEPT IS LOOKING INTO POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER CONTRIBUTION  
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FOR INSTITUTE. (NOTE: AHTISAARI INTENDED TO CALL ON SENATOR CLARK TO DISCUSS FUNDING FOR THE INSTITUTE BEFORE RETURNING TO NEW YORK.)

5. FOR DAR ES SALAAM: IN BRIEF COMMENT TO DEPARTMENT OFFICER AFTER MEETING AHTISAARI SAID THAT HE EXPECTED BERNARD MUGANDA, DIRECTOR OF NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS IN TANZANIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY TO JOIN HIM AS A SPECIAL ASSISTANT IN NEW YORK IN THE NEAR FUTURE. ALTHOUGH AHTISAARI APPARENTLY HAS OBTAINED NYERERE'S APPROVAL, HE MENTIONED THAT MUGANDA HAS BEEN DELAYED IN HIS DEPARTURE FROM DAR.

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